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PBJC BECOMING A REGIONAL DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Several years ago Palm Beach Junior College joined sixteen other educational institutions in South Florida to form the South Florida Educational Computer Cooperative (SFECC).

The goal of this new organization was to determine the feasibility of sharing computing resources among the members. The funds necessary to achieve this goal have been supplied by the State Department of Education. Palm Beach Junior College has been a leader in the SFECC since its formation. Mr. Jeff Hunter, Systems and Programming Manager at PBJC, has accepted the position of Director of the SFECC effective September 1, 1977 for a one-year term. Mr. Paul Bunnell is filling Mr. Hunter's position in his absence.

Because of this organization and PBJC's involvement, PBJC is becoming a regional computing center. The college is already supplying computing capability to Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Florida. Indian River is using PBJC's On-line Registration System for their first application. Next year similar capability will be extended to Florida Keys Community College in Key West and Edison Community College in Fort Myers. Also being considered is a computer to computer connection between PBJC and Valencia Community College for off-loading of computer processing during periods of peak processing. Palm Beach County School Board is presently considering a similar arrangement.

Some of the major objectives of this cooperative are to eliminate needless duplication of effort, foster sharing of computer applications and experience, offer group purchasing for quantity discounts, and encourage common development of computerized solutions to common problems.

PBJC Enrollment Second Highest

The overall enrollment at Palm Beach Junior College --7,927-- is the second highest in the history of PBJC, in spite of a slight decrease in the national trend, according to PBJC Registrar, Charles G. Graham.

"We expected the enrollment to be about the same as last year, but instead, our enrollment for the Fall Term is second only to the 1975-76 Fall Term, when 7,982 students were enrolled during an economic recession, when jobs were difficult to find," Graham explained.

"This year's Fall Term total is up 233 over last year, with the increase more in returning and reactivated students than in new students, confirming the fact that the college age population is leveling off," he added.

"I would guess that another reason for the decrease in college enrollment on the national level is the recent lack of emphasis placed on the necessity for a college degree," he added.

"Florida has been holding its own in college enrollment because new people of college age are moving into the state at a fast enough rate, although it's really too early to tell if the Florida universities will remain steady in enrollment figures."

Graham said enrollment is up at the following campuses: PBJC North, at 903, up 141; PBJC Glades, at 467, up 41; PBJC South, at 558, up 109; and "mixed students (those who attend more than one PBJC campus) at 479, up 20.

PBJC Central, has a decrease of 78.

"This is to be expected as the outlying campuses expand," Graham pointed out.

NEW HANDICAPPED REGULATIONS EFFECTED

On June 3 of this year the Department of Health, Education and Welfare implemented new handicapped rules and regulations which receive federal financial assistance. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requires that certain actions be taken to the handicapped in any educational programs.

The College contemplates changes or has already made changes in such areas as handicapped parking, lower telephones and drinking fountains, facilities changes in rest rooms, additional ramps, elevators, automatic door openers, etc. Under the regulations handicapped students must have accessibility to all college programs but the College has up to 3 years to make major adjustments to its physical facilities.

The Director of Personnel, Joseph M. Schneider acts as Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Coordinator. As such he is responsible for coordinating programs or problems associated with handicapped students and employees.

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Library Exhibits Attract Interest

After ten years of fossils and artifacts the two showcases near the entrance of the second floor of the Library have been dusted and brightened by new displays.

Members of the staff and faculty have been generous in exhibiting their colorful skills and hobbies. Administration offices, the Print Shop, Duplicating, the Registrar's Office, the News Bureau, Communications Department and the Library have all been represented in beautiful displays of oil paintings, macrame, eggery, Christmas decorations, jewelry, decoupage, crewel work, 3d pictures of cut paper, embroidered shirts and baby clothes, painted plaques, crochet, crewel and ceramics.

We have at this time two interesting displays.

Betty Linn from the News Bureau is showing a few of her lovely eggs, egg cups and boxes in the east case. There are included in this collection an alabaster egg from Italy, a Boda egg from Sweden, a dainty painted egg from Taiwan, an egg cup from Oberammergau, boxes from India, England, South America, Hong Kong, Italy and Japan. To complete it all there is a dinosaur egg from the American Southwest.

In the west case there is a fascinating collection of autographs loaned by Arthur E. Schneider of the Communications Department. Very artistically decorated in the Victorian motif, it is topped off by a picture and autograph of Queen Victoria. It includes poets laureate of England, and Sinclair Lewis, Norman Mailer, John Dos Passos, Carl Sandberg, Agatha Christie, Thornton Wilder, Nathaniel Hawthorne, plus many others. Mr. Schneider has promised another treat next month when he will exhibit a collection of autographs of musicians.

Humanities Happenings

The Art Department has already shown some splendid art work this semester and will continue to do so per usual with Gordon and Lennie Bruno exhibiting their Photography October 10-28, followed November 7-23 with Painting, Sculpture and Crafts by Area Florida Artist Group, while December 5-15 show will be a Variety of Media by present PBJC Students will conclude the terms works. For any new staff members the Art Gallery is located on the Ground Floor of the Humanities building and always open during normal school hours.

The Speech-Drama Department promises a great Fall show to be presented November 3 thru 6. The production, at this time, has not been chosen but those who have attended previous programs know how stupendous the talent, directing and technical work always is. For those who have never been entertained by the PBJC dramatists this will be a splendid opportunity to come see and enjoy.

The Music Department is already hard at rehearsing and preparing for several show events this semester. The "kick-off" event will be the first week in October when a band concert will be presented. Early November a Jazz Concert and December 6 and 7 the annual Holiday (Christmas) Concert. Some of these dates are tentative yet but will be publicized in time for everyone to attend--possibly other events as well. See you there - - Public welcome to all these Humanities Happenings.

PBJC Transfer Students Above State Average

Palm Beach Junior College students, transferring into the State University System (SUS) rank in the top third among Florida's 28 community colleges in mean grade point averages (GPA) according to Mildred M. Whatley, Director of Institutional Research at the college.

Tables in a report from the Florida Department of Education, Division of Community Colleges show that PBJC transfer students attained a higher mean GPA than the state average in all years reported, Mrs. Whatley said.

"The report shows that our students who transfer into the SUS with 90 or more quarter hours of credit attained a higher mean GPA than those who transferred with less than 90 quarter hours of credit."

This report followed a report of several months ago from the National Board of Certification which showed that PBJC ranks fourth among students of 37 schools taking the CDT (Certified Dental Technician) examination in January and June of 1977.

THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J. M. Schneider

New Equal Access - Equal Opportunity Plan To Be Prepared

Several years ago a federal judge ruled that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was allowing several states (including Florida) to continue to have racially segregated systems of education. The judge mandated that HEW enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and not permit segregation. Florida agreed to voluntarily comply with HEW and develop an overall plan for a fully integrated system of higher education.

As a part of this voluntary compliance the State of Florida developed a plan for higher education, a plan for the Community College systems, and each community/junior college prepared an Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Plan.

Earlier this year the federal judge who originally ruled that HEW was not enforcing their rules relating to race discrimination again ruled that the states in question were continuing to discriminate. As a result a new EA/EO Plan must be developed and sent to HEW. Palm Beach Junior College is obligated to send a new plan to the Florida Division of Community Colleges by October 21.

Generally the new plan will contain information very similar to the former plan. Of significance is that many people consider that the EA/EO effort of Florida has been quite effective. However, all of the states with EA/EO Plans have been informed that they will submit new plans consistent with new guidelines prepared by HEW.

Palm Beach Junior College and each of the 27 other Florida community/junior colleges have an Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Committee which serves an advisory role in the equal opportunity program and monitors the Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Plan.

As the College EA/EO Coordinator I have a responsibility for actual or potential matters of discrimination based on race/ethnic status, sex or handicapped status. The classified representative on the Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Committee is Ms. Geraldine Harris.

As in the past the College will continue to issue semi-annual reports in December and May of each year. A copy of the new EA/EO Plan will be on file in the Library after it is prepared.

PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES

Since the "Staff News" is not issued over the summer months the first issue in the fall of the year recognizes classified personnel who have been employed or promoted since May - a 5-month period.

During this time period Physical Plant employed nine regular full-time personnel including Carl Bass, George Hayes and Richard Swindon of the custodial staff; John Anderson and Joseph Vanek in security; Sammie Campbell and Roger White as Maintenance Mechanics; Donald Pearsall as an Air Conditioning Mechanic, and James Randolph an Auto Mechanic.

The building of a new facility at the Glades Center resulted in the creation of the position of a Plant Supervisor which was filled by Paul Cassidy. Betty Bair became the new Bursar-Cashier and Sonya Watkins is filling a position of Library Clerk at the Glades Center.

Deborah Simmons and Richard Williams are both Clerk Typists in Academic Affairs. Kathleen Brynn performs similar duties in the Mathematics Department.

Toby Smardin is the new Clerk Typist in the Registrar's Office and Mary Taylor has the same classification in the Finance Office.

Kathy O'Neil was reemployed in the Library as a Library Clerk. Yvonne Pinder filled a new position of Clerk Typist on the North Campus and Laura Comas became a Registrar's Specialist at the South Center. Margaret Lee is the new Clerk Typist in Continuing Education.

Marilyn Wojciechowski (pronounced almost as it's spelled) is the new Clerk Stenographer in the Bookstore.

James Wilkerson completes the new classified staff members as a Programmer in Data Processing.

The "Staff News" welcomes all of these new college personnel.

There were also a number of promotions to new classifications. The increased data processing activity as a result of a cooperative venture with other community or junior colleges was at least partially responsible for Paul Bunnell being promoted to a Senior Systems Analyst and Denise Shepherd and George Schneider being moved to higher level programming assignments. Sol Jackson was also increased to a more responsible computer operations assignment and Connie Falls recently was elevated to a higher level programming position.

Millie Niesz was reclassified from a Clerk Typist to a Records Specialist in the Registrar's Office. The resignation of Lisa Pugliese created another Records Specialist vacancy which was filled by Madlyn Hebert. Madlyn's former Clerk Typist position was filled by the reclassification of Gail Rodela.

AROUND CAMPUS

NEWS FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE - Barb Frawley and family vacationed in Hamilton, N.Y. this summer, where they visited with Barb's parents.

Mr. Ferguson and his family spent their vacation in North Carolina and Virginia, where they attended his son's wedding (Jesse, Jr.)

Gail Cowherd, Evening Division of the Registrar's Office, has announced her engagement to Charles Darling. Best Wishes to both of you, Gail.

Madlyn Hebert's mother and sister were here from Iowa to spend their vacations. Madlyn also reports a blessed event(s) - five Peke-a-Poo puppies born July 28 to her poodle, Niki. The puppies' father is her Peke-a-Poo, named Scamper.

Daisy Jackson is very thrilled with her new car - a '76 Cordoba.

Callie Owens has a new sailboat - five of the girls from the Registrar's Office were going out sailing with her - (never did hear if they made it back).

Joyce Cates and her husband are vacationing in North Carolina.

NEWS FROM OTHER AREAS - Jean D'Angio and her husband are vacationing in North Carolina also.

Mary Ann Giel and her husband drove to Utah this summer on vacation.

Alice Carlisle, her husband and daughter took a trip to the Bahamas the early part of the summer. Alice arrived home on crutches (sprained her foot while there), but in spite of that she enjoyed the trip.

Sharon Polete, Biology, and her husband have just moved into a new home on Seabreeze Ave. near the Turnpike and Lantana Road. They have done a lot of the work on their home themselves and are happy to be finally moved in.

Ann Dorosh accompanied her son Gregory to Spain last Spring where they made Rota (the Naval base) their headquarters and took various trips from that point. Among the many historic spots they visited were the tombs of Isabella and Ferdinand, Columbus and Franco. Also they saw the Alhambra, The Running of the Bulls in Arcos, and the many Easter Processions which take place during the week before Easter. They visited most of the well-known cities,

Cordoba, Seville, Granada, Madrid and Gibraltar and also went on the tour of the coast. All in all, it was a most enjoyable experience says Ann.

Since that time Ann's husband has been very ill. He is making progress now and is at home for awhile before returning to the hospital for treatment. We wish him the best and hope he will be well soon.

Betty Linn of the News Bureau and her husband attended a reunion of his army unit in Houston this summer and then went on to Seattle to see their daughter. At this time they are visiting their son in Tallahassee, where he is in Law School at FSU.

Jonathan Koontz and his wife also took a combination vacation trip this summer, visiting their daughter in Tallahassee where she attends FSU before going on to So. Carolina to visit another daughter and No. Carolina to see his mother. They ended their trip by camping in the mountains of No. Carolina and even climbed Grandfather Mountain north of Asheville.

Yuora (Diane), Print Shop, her husband Robert and daughter Alcolya took a motor trip to New Jersey, New York and Georgia for 2 weeks. Yuora met her father-in-law for the first time after a year of marriage. They also went to Disney World for their first year anniversary on the weekend.

Last but not least we have three new grandmothers on campus. Ruth Lafferty's daughter had a son, Wesley Yenter, born April 28. They live in Colorado, but Wesley and his mother jetted to Florida to visit Gramma when he was only two months old.

Ruth Bradbury's daughter presented her with a grandson, Christopher Michael, on April 2, and Jeanette Sander's daughter, Jeanie, had a daughter, Heather Leigh, on June 27. Congratulations to all three grammas!

PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

George Bomgardner moved from a custodial position to a Warehouseman/Mail Clerk. Jacob Kirkhart was reclassified from a Groundskeeper to a Light Equipment Operator in Physical Plant.

In the Continuing Education Office Betsy Meyers moved to a higher level Clerk Typist assignment and Ruth Bradbury became a Secretary after Jean Inzanti's resignation.

Ruth Lafferty moved from an Apprentice Print Shop Technician to Print Shop Technician and Sally Thornton became a Secretary in Academic Affairs.

Kathy Crowley was reclassified to a higher level Accounting Clerk and Jennifer Regan moved from a Clerk Typist to an Accounting Clerk to complete the promotional changes during this time period.